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SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Landis, to open on (LB) 314.

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Senator Crosby. One of the Peterson triplets, Senator Chris Peterson, asked me how boring this bill was on a scale of one to ten, and the answer is 14. (laughter) This is a bill that repeals obsolete language. I mean, how much more boring can you get than that? It repeals in a merit system a certification process for applicants when we don't do a certification process for applicants any more. It...it strikes some obsolete language in the transfer of community mental health staff to the status of state employees. That was done about ten years ago, and it's hopelessly obsolete at this point. There's a section that relates to payroll and the approval of pay changes. Technically, there are no longer payroll reviews by the state personnel office, so they don't even do the work any more that's mentioned in the statutes. This was brought to us by DAS. It was reported out of the Government Committee unanimously. I can tell you, however, that it seems to be the last helicopter out of Saigon because I have two or three colleagues who've indicated they would like to use this bill for amendments on Select File, not the least of which is Senator Wickersham, and I think there may be others but, in its present form, it is a...it's an empty shell of a bill that's largely just a cleanup bill for DAS, and I'd offer its advancement. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Landis. Discussion on (LB) 314? Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President, members of the body, I'm glad to see that Senator Landis is feeling much better today because he was way down yesterday, and I had to get up and support his bill. We heard it in the Government Committee, and one good thing we did though, we got...we were able to meet several people from state government and they did a very good job in presenting this bill. So I would hope all of you would advance the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Robinson. There are no further lights. Senator Landis...he waives closing. The question is the advancement of LB 314. All in favor, vote aye,